

A Speech made the 3d day of July 1683. to  
the Military Gentlemen, being the Day  
of their General Exercife by their Leader  
Appointed for that Day.

*Gentlemen and Fellow-Soldiers,*

YOU have been pleased to lay upon me a double obligation, first for the great Honor you have conferred upon me, in choosing me to be your Leader for this Day. Next for this great and splendid Appearance of so many Worthy and Loyal Gentlemen, for both which, I return you my hearty thanks.

Gentlemen, your performance is by me unquestionable, but no man is Infalible; therefore let us all endeavor to approve our selves to be what we pretend to, Soldiers.

In order whereunto, I for my part will endeavor to use the best of my Power, and Skill to Conduct you in all things necessary, these Gentlemen my Fellow Soldiers are so well qualified, that I doubt not their Obedience to their Superior Commanders, and you Gentlemen I question not but will as willingly obey your Officers, remembering that if any Act out of their proper Station, it will render the Work Irregular.

Gentlemen, we live under a good and Gracious King, whom God long preserve, to whose Wise and Prudent Management of Affairs, next under Almighty God, we owe our Lives and all we Injoy. We live in a Kingdom, whose good Laws and Constitutions, as they are Established both in Church and State, well deserve our Honorable Remembrance: our Military Discipline, and true English Courage is Applauded through the Universe. Being thus qualified, Gentlemen, as we need fear no Forreign Invasion, so let us detest and abhor all Domestick Factions and Rebellions.

Gentlemen, I question not but all of us that have met together this day for our Recreation, if His Majesty should have occasion to Command us to Arms, will as readily appear for the Preservation of His Sacred Person, the Rights and Prerogative of the Crown, his Heirs and Lawful Successors, and the Laws Established in Church and State: and in so doing we shall approve our selves to be Loyal and Dutiful Subjects to our King, to be Faithful Members of our Country, to be no Dissenting but united Protestants of the Church of *England*.

To be short, Gentlemen, we may hope for the favor of our King, the Applause of our Country, the Prayers of our Church, and the Blessing of Almighty God.

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